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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : John CRESCENTI et al.
Serial No. : 09/354,058 Examiner: Ella Colbert
Filed : July 15, 1999 Group Art Unit: 2172
Title : HIERARCHICAL BACKUP AND RETRIEVAL
SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2003 containing a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice) and follows a Response to Office Action dated June 2, 2003, an Office Action dated September 30, 2002, a Request for Continued Examination on January 30, 2003, and an interview with the Examiner conducted May 20, 2003 at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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